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Paul Cesarz

WINTER 2007

9th DISTRICT COUNTY CONNECTION

Dear Neighbors:

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your voice on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. It is an honor to represent the people of the Ninth District.

I'd like to take this opportunity to share with you the challenges and successes we've seen in Milwaukee County over the past year.

Early in 2007, we reached a new contract with our largest union to lower health care costs and improve outcomes for county workers and cap the lump sum backdrop benefit for the final group of employees.

During the budget process for 2008, I consistently voted for amendments that cut excessive spending and identified innovative ways to fund important services without reverting to additional help from taxpayers.

Milwaukee County is still challenged by decisions from the State of Wisconsin. At the time of this writing, the State is poised to increase the cost of juvenile corrections by 22%. Holding a single juvenile in the State system is set to cost Milwaukee County almost \$100,000 per year in 2008. That's enough to send more than 19 students to UWM for one year.

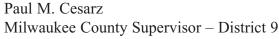
While 2007 was another difficult year for Milwaukee County, the coming year will certainly bring additional challenges and opportunities. I am working with other members of the County Board, as well as with the County Executive, to identify additional ways to operate more efficiently and to provide you with the best services possible.

By working together, we can continue on the journey to a better Milwaukee County that provides efficient core services, and improves our parks.

Please call me if you need any help or information that the County can provide. I value your input and suggestions for improving Milwaukee County government.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Cesarz





Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker signs a County Board resolution co-sponsored by Supervisor Cesarz prohibiting the sale of County land for the placement of sexual predators.

County Residents Save More Than \$83,000 On Prescription Drugs

Discount available to all Milwaukee County residents with no strings attached

Milwaukee County residents have saved more than \$83,000 on prescription drugs since 2006, thanks to a discount drug card offered by Milwaukee County and the National Association of Counties (NACo). The program allows counties to distribute free prescription drug discount cards offering an average savings of 20% off common retail prescription prices.

This program is available for constituents who need help to reduce these prescription drug costs. This plan provides immediate, substantial relief from the high prices of prescription drugs. No enrollment forms or membership fees are required. Regardless of age or income, any Milwaukee County resident can simply show the card at any participating pharmacy.

To obtain a card, Milwaukee County residents can contact my office at 414-278-4267. For more information about NACo's free prescription drug discount card, call toll free 1-877-321-2652 or visit http://naco.advancerx.com.



Cards can also be obtained from one of the following locations:

- Milwaukee County Board Offices, 901 N. 9th Street, Courthouse, Room 201
- Franklin City Hall, 9229 W. Loomis Road
- Hales Corners Village Hall, 5635 S. New Berlin Road
- Oak Creek City Hall, 8640 S. Howell Avenue

Putting an end to Milwaukee County Pension Scandals

In September, the County Board passed a resolution to audit pensions that were processed in an inappropriate manner by past members of the Milwaukee County Pension Board.

You may have recently read articles in the local press of problems with the way certain pension buy-backs and buy-ins and were inappropriately approved for a number of Milwaukee County retirees. I am proud to have co-sponsored a resolution calling for a review and investigation, by an outside auditor, into all pension benefits within Milwaukee County.

The resolution passed the County Board in September and also directs the Corporation Counsel and the Director of Employee Benefits to work with the Pension Board in its review. They must report back to the County Board with their findings.

The taxpayers of Milwaukee County deserve proper administration of all benefits provided to County employees and retirees.

Improved mental health services

The County has taken proactive steps to improve services for persons with mental illness. Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker and Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett created a joint action team to develop quality housing for individuals with mental illness living in substandard conditions. The County also allocated \$1.5

million in 2007 and \$1 million in 2008 for the improved housing units. So far, 96 units are already being built.

The County also adopted a plan to hire additional nurses in 2007 for the Mental Health Hospital. In 2008, additional nursing, psychiatric, social work, security and support staff will be added.

Trust fund is new approach to parks funding

In October, Supervisor Cesarz proposed an amendment to the County Executive's 2008 Recommended Budget that would establish a trust fund for parks by selling the non-parks components of the O'Donnell complex near Milwaukee's lakefront. The sale of the parking garage and the building housing the Betty Brinn Museum and Coast Restaurant located at the O'Donnell complex could help reverse the 20-year decline in funding for the Parks.

The plan would use the funds from selling the buildings to create a Parks trust fund that would channel millions of dollars of annual interest earnings directly to Parks operations. By divesting the O'Donnell parking structure, while keeping and maintaining the O'Donnell parkland, the County could establish a new park trust fund dedicated to core Park functions.

Even without accounting for inflation, funding for the Parks has decreased by about 36% over the last 20 years. We can reverse that trend by approving creative ideas like this one.



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